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**SUPPLEMENT TO
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1. S.N. Bogunsky, representative of Soviet Film Distributors, is working in close cooperation with the "Nataraj Pictures, Ltd., and receives some of his business mail at their offices at 27/1 Stephen House, Calcutta. He works as an agent for the distribution of their films and probably receives commissions for this work. He is also employed by a Soviet picture concern in Bombay and handles the distribution of their pictures as well as those of Nataraj Pictures. He appears to have unlimited means and entertains lavishly. His home address is 33 Royd Street, Calcutta. He is a native of the Ukraine and has circulated the report that he was imprisoned by the Soviet government for a breach of trust but has recently been reinstated in their good graces. He claims to have travelled very widely in the Far East. He is in his thirties and is fairly heavy, weighing about 195 pounds.
2. Bogunsky is also engaged in general import-export work. Among the items which he has imported or is attempting to import are cement, cameras and photographic materials. Some of these items which he had claimed would be of Russian make are really of Rumanian make. Bogunsky is reported to have entered into a number of deals in which he has promised shipments and then, after import licenses have been secured, has defaulted.
3. His relationship with the Soviet Trade Agency in Calcutta does not appear to be very cordial. He informed a local Indian businessman who had asked him for an introduction to the Soviet Trade Agency that he (the businessman) should ask someone else for the introduction, because he (Bogunsky) was not in a position to ask favors of the Agency as the people of the Agency were angry with him due to the fact that some of his business deals had gone wrong. In August 1947, a Calcutta police official stated that Bogunsky often visited the Soviet Trade Agency, supposedly in connection with the plywood business.
4. In 1947, source was informed that Bogunsky was a representative of the Calcutta Fibre Company and made frequent trips to Rangoon where he stayed in a third-rate hotel and apparently did nothing.
5. The following is a copy of a letter written on Nataraj Pictures letterhead:

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S.N. Bogunsky, Esq.,
Representative,
Soviet Film Distributors,
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

Please arrange to return to us our file No. 118 regarding educational films which was handed to you for the attention of Mr. C. A. Martin.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of
Nataraj Pictures, Ltd.
The Entertainers

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(signed) R.N. Mai- - (last name illegible)

6. The following is a copy of a circular printed in English and distributed by Natraj (an alternate spelling for Nataraj) Pictures:

Programme	Reels	Length	C C No.	Verson	Description
Stalingrad	7	6150	28754	English	A documentary
Leningrad Fights	8	6023	28753	English	A documentary
Black Sea Fighters	7	5886	28953	English	Russian fleet
Musical Story	9	7826	28926	English	Love drama
Battle for Ukraine	7	6943	29449	English	Nazi invaders
No Greater Love	9	6991	30371	English	Russian village
				Dialogue	fights Nazis
Russian Story	7	6499	31255	English	Russian heroism
Berlin	9	6908-	33257	English	A documentary
Wait for Me	9	7174	32806	English	Romantic drama
Tanya	8	6827	32456	English	Light romantic
Ivan the Terrible	12	8884	35207	English	Historical drama
Sports Parade, Moscow	6	4526	Eng	English	Technicolor sports
Festival of Youth	5	4647		English	Technicolor sports
Christmas Eve	10	8082	32998	English	Christmas in a village
				Dialogue	

List of Films (Hindustani and Urdu)

Stalingrad	7	7097	29437	Hindi	A documentary
				Commentary	

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She Defends Her Country (Madre Watan)	10	7405	30429	Hindi Dialogue	Nazi demons
Maziruddin in Bukhara	10	6596	32177	Hindi Dialogue	Romantic comedy
Jadugar	7	5713	34479	Hindi Dialogue	Drama of love and hate
Zoya	9	0518		Hindi Dialogue	
Tahir and Zuhra	14	7548	36738	Hindi Dialogue	Like Romeo and Juliet
Jai Desh	11	7807	33670	Hindi Dialogue	Patriotic drama

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